

EE503 Probability for Electrical and Computer Engineers

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Week 1 Session 1

Outcome space / Sample space

$\Omega = \{\text{set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment}\}$

1. Flip 1 coin:

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

2. Flip 2 coins:

$$\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$$

3. Number of emails in the inbox from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm:

$$\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

4. Amplitude of the received signal at the radar:

$$\Omega = \{0, \infty\}$$

Events:

Flip 2 coins:

$$\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$$

$$A = \{HH, TT\}$$

Event A : a subset of Ω

If the observed outcome belongs to event A , then event A has occurred.

Radar:

$$\Omega = \{0, \infty\}$$

$$A = \{0, 1\}$$

$$B = \{\pi\}$$

Event Space: Collection of events.

1. Flip 1 coin:

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

Event Space: $\{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega, \phi$ [All possible subsets of Ω]

Power set of Ω : 2^Ω

2. Flip 2 coins:

$$\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$$

Event space 1: $\phi, \Omega, \{HH\}, \{HT\}, \{TH\}, \{TT\}, \{HH, TT\}, \{HT, TH\}, \{HH, HT\}, \{HT, TT\} \dots$

[Power set of Ω]

For a set with n elements, number of possible subsets is 2^n .

Event Space 2: $\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$

$\{HH, TT\}, \{HT, TH\}, \Omega, \phi \leftarrow$ Another possible event space for the experiment of flipping

Requirement of an Event Space

1. Ω is in the event space (sure event)
2. If A is in the event space, A^c is in the event space
3. If A and B are in the event space, then $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$ are also in the event space.

Deduction 1:

ϕ is always in event space

Deduction 2:

If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n in the event space, then:

$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ are in the event space.

Probability Law P

For each event A in the event space, $P(A)$ is a real number that describes our belief/ likelihood of event A .

Axioms of Probability.

1. $P(\Omega) = 1$
2. For any event A , $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
3. Additivity Axiom
 - (a) If A and B are 2 disjoint (i.e., mutually exclusive $\leftarrow A \cap B = \phi$) events, then:
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$
 - (b) If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint events (i.e., $A_k \cap A_l = \phi$ for all $k \neq l$), then:
$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

Example 1

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

Event space=Power set of Ω

$$P(\{H\}) = 1/2$$

What is the value of $P(T)$

$$P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$P(\{H, T\}) = 1$$

$$\{H, T\} = \{H\} \cup \{T\}$$

$$P(\{H\} \cup \{T\}) = 1 \leftarrow \text{Additivity axiom}$$

$$P(\{H\}) + P(\{T\}) = 1$$

$$P(\{T\}) = 1 - P(\{H\})$$

$$P(\{T\}) = 1 - 1/2 = 1/2$$

Example 2

Throw a die

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Event space=Power set of Ω

Probability law: For any event A , $P(A) = \frac{|A|}{6}$

Notation : $|A|$ = number of elements in A = cardinality of A

$$P(\{6\}) = 1/6$$

Prob of getting an even number :

$$P(\{2, 4, 6\}) = 3/6$$

$$P(\phi) = 0$$

Example 3

Throw a die

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Event space=Power set of Ω

$$P(\{1\}) = P(\{2\}) = P(\{3\}) = P(\{4\}) = P(\{5\}) = 1/6$$

$$P(\{6\}) = 1/6$$

$$P(\{3, 4, 5\}) = P(\{3\} \cup \{4\} \cup \{5\})$$

$$= P(\{3\}) + P(\{4\}) + P(\{5\})$$

$$= 6/15$$

Example 4

$$\Omega = \{0, \infty\}$$

Event space consist of all possible sub-interval of $\{0, \infty\}$ as well as their compliments, unions and intersections.

e.g., (a, b) , $[a, b]$, $(a, b]$, $[a, \infty)$

Borel event space or Borel sigma algebra

Probability law: For any interval A

$$P(A) = \int_A e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

$$P((1, 2)) = \int_1^2 e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

$$P([2, \infty)) = \int_2^{\infty} e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

Probability that the outcome is less than 1 or greater than 5 ?

$$P([0, 1] \cup (5, \infty)) = P([0, 1]) + P((5, \infty))$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-\omega} d\omega + \int_5^{\infty} e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

Example 5

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

\mathcal{F} = Power set of Ω

i.e., Event space \mathcal{F} [sigma-algebra]

$$P(\{k\}) = \frac{1}{2^k}, \text{ where } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Verify $P(\Omega) = 1$

Event space

If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are in the event space, then:

$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ are in the event space.

If A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are in the event space, then:

$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ are also in the event space.

Probability Axioms

- Additivity axiom

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint events

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

- Countable additivity axiom

A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are pairwise disjoint events

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

$$P(\Omega) = P(\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\})$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \{1\} \cup \{2\} \cup \dots$$

$$P(\{1\} \cup \{2\} \cup \dots) = P(\{1\}) + P(\{2\}) + \dots$$

$$\text{Countable additivity axiom: } P(\{k\}) = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1/2}{1-1/2}$$

Note \leftarrow Geometric series

$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$ where $r < 1$, then

$$\text{sum} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

Probability that the outcome is an even number:

$$P(\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}) = P(\{2\} \cup \{4\} \cup \dots)$$

$$= P(\{2\}) + P(\{4\}) + \dots$$

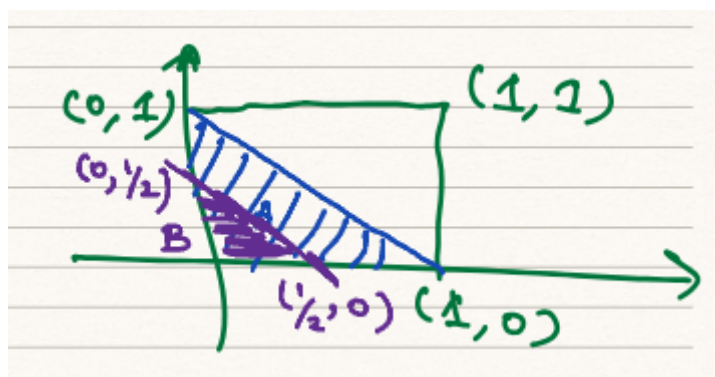
$$= \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1/4}{1-1/4}$$

$$= 1/3$$

Example 6

$$\Omega = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x, y \leq 1\}$$



$$P(A) = \text{Area of } A$$

$$P(\Omega) = \text{Area of } \Omega = 1$$

$$P(A) = 1/2$$

B is the event that the sum of x and y coordinate is less than or equal to 1/2

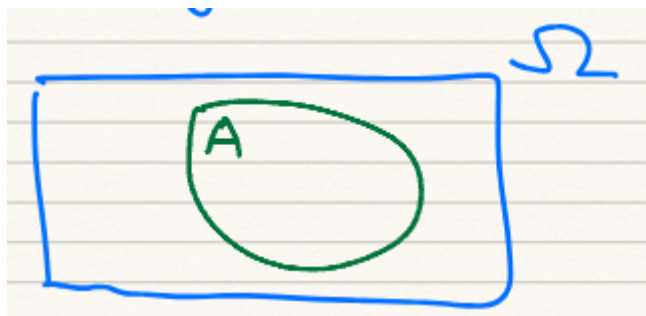
$$B = (x, y) \in \Omega : x + y \leq 1/2$$

$$P(B) = \text{Area of } B = 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/8$$

Week 1 Session 2

Random Experiment & Probability Model

- Outcome space / Sample Space Ω
- An event is a subset of Ω
- If the realized outcome of experiment lies in A , we say event A has occurred.



Event Space / Sigma algebra \mathcal{F}

Properties of \mathcal{F} :

1. Ω is in \mathcal{F}
 2. If A is in \mathcal{F} , then A^c is in \mathcal{F}
 3. (a) If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are in \mathcal{F} , then:
 $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ is in \mathcal{F} and $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ is in \mathcal{F}
 (b) If A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots is an infinite sequence of events that are in \mathcal{F} , then:
 $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ is in \mathcal{F} and $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ is in \mathcal{F}
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Probability Law

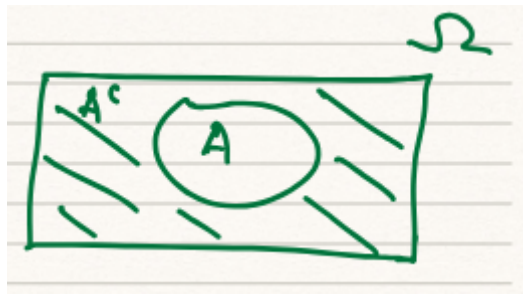
For each event A in \mathcal{F} , $P(A)$ is a real number.

Probability Axioms

1. $P(\Omega) = 1$
 2. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
 3. (a) If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint events, then:
 $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$
 (b) If A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots is an infinite sequence of pairwise disjoint events, then:
 $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$
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Deduction from Axioms

1. $P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$



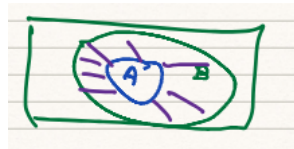
Proof:

$$1 = P(\Omega)$$

$$= P(A \cup A^c)$$

$$= P(A) + P(A^c)$$

2. If $A \subset B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$



Proof:

$$B = A \cup C$$

$$P(B) = P(A \cup C)$$

$$= P(A) + P(C)$$

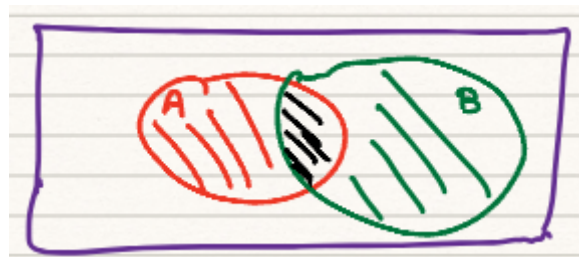
$$\rightarrow P(B) \geq P(A)$$

$$C = B \cap A^c$$

3. Union Formula

For any 2 events A and B

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$



$$A \cap B$$

$$A \cap B^c$$

$$B \cap A^c$$

Proof:

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B^c) + P(A \cap B) \quad (1)$$

$$P(B) = P(B \cap A^c) + P(A \cap B) \quad (2)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B^c) + P(A \cap B) + P(B \cap A^c)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B \cap A^c) \text{ ① is applied}$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \text{ ② is applied}$$

$$4. P(\phi) = 0$$

Proof:

$$P(\phi) + P(\phi^c) = 1$$

$$P(\phi) + P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$P(\phi) + 1 = 1$$

$$P(\phi) = 0$$

Exercise 1.

$$A_1, A_2, A_3$$

$$P(A_1) = a_1, P(A_2) = a_2, P(A_3) = a_3$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) = b_1, P(A_2 \cap A_3) = b_2, P(A_3 \cap A_1) = b_3$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = c$$

What is the value of $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)$?

$$B = A_2 \cup A_3$$

$$P(A_1 \cup B) = P(A_1) + P(B) - P(A_1 \cap B)$$

$$= P(A_1) + P(A_2 \cup A_3) - P(A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3))$$

Exercise, show that:

$$A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3) = (A_1 \cap A_2) \cup (A_1 \cap A_3)$$

Union Bound

Theorem:

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are n events ($n \geq 2$)

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

Proof: Induction argument

$$n = 2$$

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

Assume that the theorem is true for $n = k$

$$\text{i.e., } P(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i)$$

Then in the $k + 1$ case, where

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k, A_{k+1}$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} A_i) = P((\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) \cup A_{k+1}) \leq P(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) + P(A_{k+1})$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i) + P(A_{k+1})$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} P(A_i)$$

Cardinality of sets

Finite sets

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

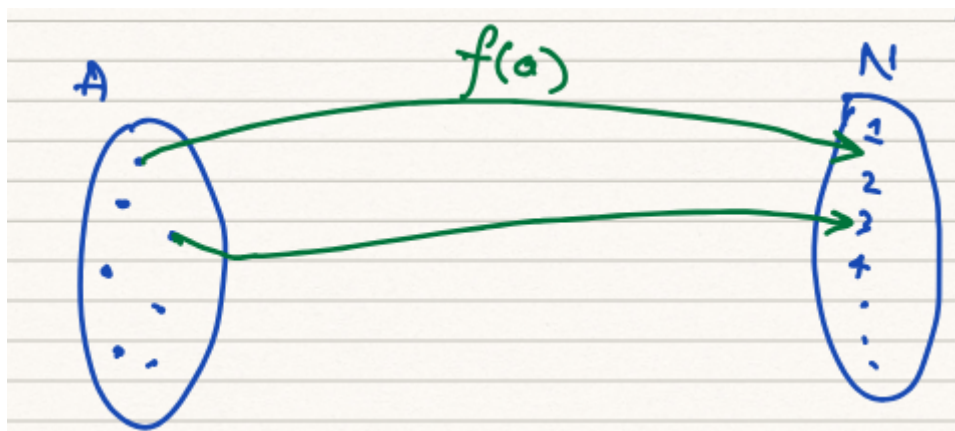
$$\Omega = \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$$

Infinite sets

Countably infinite sets

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

A set A that is "as large" as \mathbb{N} is called a countably infinite set.



Formally, A is countably infinite if we can find a function f from A to \mathbb{N} , such that

(i) f is a one-to-one function

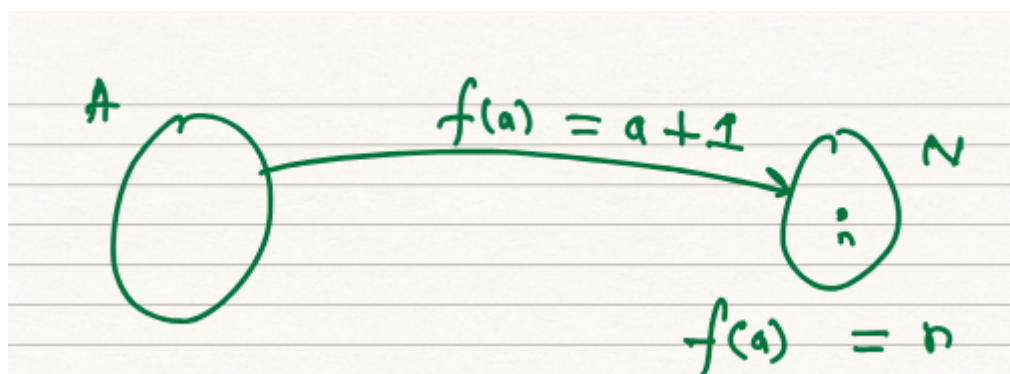
i.e., if $a \neq b$, then $f(a) \neq f(b)$

(ii) for every positive integer n , there is an $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = n$

Example 1

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$



$$f(a) = a + 1 = n$$

$$a = n - 1$$

Therefore, A is countably infinite

Example2

$$B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$$

$$N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$f(b) = b/2 = n$$

$$b = 2n$$

Example3

$$C = \{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots\}$$

$$f(c) = \log_2 c = n$$

$$c = 2^n$$

Example4

$$\{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$$

$$\{\dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

are countably infinite sets

Uncountably infinite sets

Much larger sets of positive integers

e.g., $[0, 1]$, $[0, \infty]$, $(-\infty, \infty)$

$[0, 1]$

There is no way of finding a one-to-one association(correspondence) between $[0, 1]$ and N



Example 5



$$A_1 \subset A_2$$

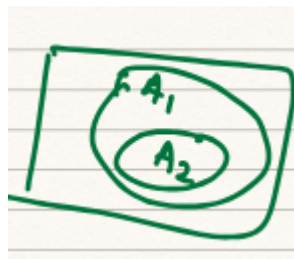
$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_2)$$

$$A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset A_k$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) = P(A_k)$$

$$A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset A_k \subset A_{k+1} \dots$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k)$$



$$A_1 \supset A_2$$

$$P(A_1 \supset A_2) = P(A_2)$$

$$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots \supset A_k$$

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^k A_i) = P(A_k)$$

$$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots \supset A_k \supset A_{k+1} \dots$$

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k)$$

Example 6

$$\Omega = [0, 1]$$

$$P(\text{interval}) = \text{length of interval}$$

$$A_1 = [0, 1]$$

$$A_2 = [0, 1/2]$$

$$A_3 = [0, 1/3]$$

...

$$A_k = [0, 1/k]$$

$$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \supset \dots$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_3) = 1/3$$

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/k = 0$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{0\} = [0, 0]$$

$$P([0, 0]) = 0$$

Finite outcome space

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{power set of } \Omega$$

$$P(\omega_1) = p_1, P(\omega_2) = p_2, \dots, P(\omega_n) = p_n$$

$$P(\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}) = P(\{\omega_1\} \cup \{\omega_2\} \cup \{\omega_3\})$$

$$= P\{\omega_1\} + P\{\omega_2\} + P\{\omega_3\}$$

$$= p_1 + p_2 + p_3$$

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n = 1$$

$$1 = P(\Omega) = P(\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\})$$

Special case:

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{Power set}$$

$$P(\omega_i) = p \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ Equally likely outcomes}$$

$$1 = p + p + \dots + p$$

$$1 = np$$

$$p = 1/n$$

$$P(\{\omega_2, \omega_4, \omega_6\}) = P(\{\omega_2\}) + P(\{\omega_4\}) + P(\{\omega_6\})$$

$$= 3/n$$

$$A = \{\omega_{k1}, \dots, \omega_{km}\}$$

$$P(A) = m/n$$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{n}$$

If Ω is countably infinite,

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots\}$$

we will usually work with power set on our event space

Example 6

$$\Omega = [0, 1]$$

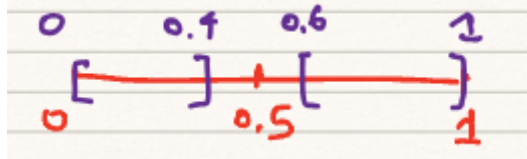
Borel Sigma algebra: all sub-interval, union, intersections, compliments

$$P(\text{sub-interval of } [0, 1]) = \text{length of sub-interval}$$

$$0 \leq a \leq b \leq 1$$

$$P([a, b]) = b - a$$

$$A = \{\omega \in [0, 1] : |\omega - 0.5| \geq 0.1\}$$



$$P(A) = 0.8$$

$$A = [0, 0.4] \cup [0.6, 1]$$

$$P(A) = 0.4 + 0.4 = 0.8$$

Exercise

$$B = \{\omega \in [0, 1] : (\omega - 1/2)^2 \geq 1/4\}$$

$$P(B) = ?$$

$$P([0, 1]) = 1$$

$$P([0, 1]) = P(\bigcup_{0 \leq \omega \leq 1} \omega)$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq \omega \leq 1} P(\omega)$$

$$\neq \sum_{0 \leq \omega \leq 1} P([\omega, \omega])$$

$$\neq 0$$

Conditional Probability

Roll a fair die

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

\mathcal{F} = Power set

Equally likely outcomes

$$P(k) = 1/6, 1 \leq k \leq 6$$

$$B = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$A = \{2\}$$

Given that B has occurred, the new probability for event $A = 1/3$

$$C = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

Given that B has occurred, what is the revised probability for event C ?

$$1/3$$

$$\text{New prob of } A = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|B|}$$

$$\text{New prob of } C = \frac{|C \cap B|}{|B|}$$

Definition:

If A and B are 2 events, and $P(B) > 0$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(B|B) = 1$$

$$P(B^c|B) = 0$$

$$P(\Omega|B) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$

Week 2 Session 1

Deductions from Axioms

1. $P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$
2. $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
3. If $A \subset B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$

Finite outcome space

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

Typically, \mathcal{F} = Power set of ω

$$P(\{\omega_1\}) = p_1, \dots, P(\{\omega_n\}) = p_n$$

Special case: Finite ω with equally likely outcome

$$P(\{\omega_i\}) = \frac{1}{n}, n = |\Omega|$$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{n}$$

Conditional Probabilities

Definition: If A and B are 2 events, and $P(B) > 0$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Example

4 sided die, roll it twice

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \{(x, y) : x, y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\} \\ &= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), \dots, (4, 4,)\}\end{aligned}$$

Equally likely outcome $P(\{x, y\}) = \frac{1}{16}$

$$E = \{\text{Both number are less than 3}\} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$$

$$F = \{\text{Both numbers are 1}\} = \{(1, 1)\}$$

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(F \cap E)}{P(E)}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{4}{16}$$

$$P(F \cap E) = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$P(F|E) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

$$P(E|F) = \frac{1/16}{1/16} = 1$$

$$B = \{\text{minimum of 2 number is 2}\} = \{(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (2, 4), (4, 2)\}$$

$$A = \{\text{maximum of 2 number is 3}\} = \{(3, 3), (3, 1), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{2/16}{5/16} = 2/5$$

$$C = \{\text{maximum of 2 number is 1}\}$$

$$P(C|B) = \frac{P(C \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(\phi)}{P(B)} = 0$$

Probability Axioms

1. $P(\Omega) = 1$
 2. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
 3. Additivity axiom
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Fix event B with $P(B) > 0$. Consider conditional probability of various event given B . These new probability will satisfy probability axioms.

$$1. P(\Omega|B) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$

$$2. 0 \leq P(A|B) \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \leq 1$$

3. If A_1 and A_2 are disjoint events

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2|B) = \frac{P((A_1 \cup A_2) \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{P((A_1 \cap B) \cup (A_2 \cap B))}{P(B)} \\
&= \frac{P(A_1 \cap B) + P(A_2 \cap B)}{P(B)} \\
&= P(A_1|B) + P(A_2|B)
\end{aligned}$$

Deduction from Axioms

1. $P(A|B) + P(A^c|B) = 1$
 2. $P(A \cup C|B) = P(A|B) + P(C|B) - P(A \cap C|B)$
 3. If $A \subset C$, then $P(A|B) \leq P(C|B)$
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Chain Rule / Multiplication Rule

If $P(B) > 0$, then $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B) \text{ - Chain Rule}$$

If $P(A) > 0$, then $P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)}$

$$P(B \cap A) = P(B|A)P(A)$$

$$P(B) > 0, P(B^c) > 0$$

$$P(A|B), P(A|B^c)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cap B^c) = P(A|B^c)P(B^c)$$

Law of total probability

$$P(A) = P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)$$

Partition

Partition of Ω

B_1, \dots, B_n forms a partition of Ω

if $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$ (pairwise disjoint) and $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$

$P(B_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$

$P(A|B_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap \Omega)$$

$$= P(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i))$$

$$= P((A \cap B_1) \cup \dots (A \cap B_n))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A \cap B_i)$$

Law of total probability

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Example

Say a sender and receiver with transmission route 1 and 2

$P(R1) = 3/4, P(D|R1) = 1/3, P(R2) = 1/4, P(D|R2) = 2/3$ where D is the packet get dropped

$$\begin{aligned} P(D) &= P(D \cap R1) + P(D \cap R2) \\ &= P(D|R1)P(R1) + P(D|R2)P(R2) \\ &= 1/3 \cdot 3/4 + 2/3 \cdot 1/4 = 5/12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Packet not getting dropped}|R1) &= P(D^c|R1) \\ &= 1 - P(D|R1) \\ &= 2/3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R1|D) &= \frac{P(R1 \cap D)}{P(D)} \\ &= \frac{P(D|R1)P(R1)}{5/12} \end{aligned}$$

Bayes' Rule

$$P(A) > 0, P(B) > 0$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R1|D^c) &= \frac{P(D^c|R1)P(R1)}{P(D^c)} \\ &= \frac{(1-P(D|R1)) \cdot 3/4}{1-P(D)} \neq P(R1) \end{aligned}$$

This it because $P(R1|D^c)$ is the posterior probability and $P(R1)$ is the prior probability.

Law of total probability + Bayes' Rule

Partition of $\Omega : B_1, \dots B_n$

$$B_i \cap B_j = \phi$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$$

Given $P(B_i), P(A|B_i)$

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{P(A)}$$

Bayes' Rule:

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}$$

Example

Binary communication channel

$$P(S0) = 1 - \alpha, P(S1) = \alpha$$

$$P(R0|S0) = 1 - q, P(R1|S0) = q$$

$$P(R0|S1) = p, P(R1|S1) = 1 - p$$

$$P(R1) = P(R1 \cap S1) + P(R1 \cap S0)$$

$$= P(R1|S1)P(S1) + P(R1|S0)P(S0)$$

$$= (1 - p)\alpha + q(1 - \alpha)$$

$$P(S1|R1) = \frac{P(R1|S1)P(S1)}{P(R1)}$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)\alpha}{(1-p)\alpha + q(1-\alpha)}$$

Chain Rule

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A|(B \cap C))P(B \cap C)$$

$$= P(A|(B \cap C))P(B|C)P(C)$$

$$P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1|A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)P(A_2|A_3 \dots \cap A_n) \dots P(A_{n-1}|A_n)P(A_n)$$

Example

Two urns

Urn 1: 5 red balls and 5 green balls

Urn 2: 2 red balls and 4 green balls

Randomly pick one ball from the selected urn and remove it

Randomly pick 2^{nd} ball from the same urn

$$U1 = \{\text{Urn 1 is selected}\}, P(U1) = 2/3$$

$$U2 = \{\text{Urn 2 is selected}\}, P(U2) = 1/3$$

$$R1 = \{\text{first ball is red}\}$$

$$R2 = \{\text{second ball is red}\}$$

$$P(R1 \cap R2) = P(R1 \cap R2 \cap U1) + P(R1 \cap R2 \cap U2)$$

$$P(R2 \cap R1 \cap U1) = P(R2|R1 \cap U1)P(R1|U1)P(U1)$$

$$= 4/9 \cdot 5/10 \cdot 2/3$$

$$P(R2 \cap R1 \cap U2) = P(R2|R1 \cap U2)P(R1|U2)P(U2)$$

$$= 1/5 \cdot 2/6 \cdot 1/3$$

$$P(U1|R1 \cap R2) = \frac{P(R1 \cap R2|U1)P(U1)}{P(R1 \cap R2)}$$

$$= \frac{4/9 \cdot 5/10 \cdot 2/3}{P(R1 \cap R2)}$$

Week 2 Session 2

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \text{ if } P(B) > 0$$

Chain Rule:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C)P(C)$$

Law of total probability:

If B_1, \dots, B_n is a partition of Ω

Then $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A \cap B_i)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Can be extended to a countable partition, i.e., B_1, B_2, \dots

that are pairwise disjoint and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = \Omega$

Then, $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$

Bayes' Rule

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

Statement: $P(A \cap B|C) = P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C)$

$$\text{LHS: } P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$\text{RHS: } P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(B \cap C)} \frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

Two urns example

$$P(R2 \cap R1|U1)P(U1)$$

$$= P(R2|R1 \cap U1)P(R1|U1)P(U1)$$

$$P(A \cap B) \sim \frac{\text{number of}(A \cap B)}{n} \text{ relative frequency}$$

$$P(B) \sim \frac{\text{number of } B}{n}$$

$$P(A|B) \sim \frac{\text{number of } (A \cap B)}{\text{number of } B}$$

Independent Events

Definition: Two events A and B are independent if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

Let A and B be independent events and $P(B) > 0$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

$$P(B^c) > 0$$

$$P(A|B^c) = \frac{P(A \cap B^c)}{P(B^c)} = \frac{P(A) - P(A \cap B)}{1 - P(B)} = \frac{P(A) - P(A)P(B)}{1 - P(B)} = P(A)$$

Independence \neq Disjoint events

$$C \cap D = \phi, P(C), P(D) > 0$$

Are C and D independent?

$$P(C \cap D) = P(\phi) = 0$$

$$P(C)P(D) > 0$$

$$P(C \cap D) \neq P(C)P(D)$$

C and D are not independent

$$P(C|D) = 0$$

Lemma 1

If A and B are independent events, then so are the following events:

(a) A and B^c

$$P(A \cap B^c) = P(A)P(B^c)$$

(b) A^c and B are independent

(c) A^c and B^c are independent

Proof:

$$(a) P(A \cap B^c) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$= P(A) - P(A)P(B)$$

$$= P(A)(1 - P(B))$$

$$= P(A)P(B^c)$$

(b) A^c and B

(c) A^c and B^c

Using property: $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

$$P(A^c \cap B^c) = 1 - P(A \cup B)$$

$$= 1 - P(A) - P(B) + P(A \cap B)$$

$$= 1 - P(A) - P(B) - P(A)P(B)$$

$$= (1 - P(A))(1 - P(B))$$

$$= P(A^c)P(B^c)$$

Example

4 sided die, $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Equally likely outcomes

$$A = \{1, 4\}, B = \{2, 4\}$$

$$P(A) = 1/2, P(B) = 1/2$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 1/4$$

Example

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$P(\{1\}) = P(\{2\}) = P(\{3\}) = p$$

$$A = \{1, 4\}, B = \{2, 4\}$$

$$P(A) = 1 - 2p$$

$$P(B) = 1 - 2p$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(\{4\}) = 1 - 3p$$

$$A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent if } 1 - 3p = (1 - 2p)^2$$

Independence of 3 events

Def: A, B, C are independent (mutually independent) if

$$1. P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$$

$$2. P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$3. P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$4. P(C \cap A) = P(C)P(A)$$

$$P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)P(C)}{P(C)} = P(A)P(B) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A|C) = P(A)$$

$$P(A \cup B|C) = \frac{P((A \cup B) \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{P((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C))}{P(C)} \\
&= \frac{P(A \cap C) + P(B \cap C) - P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} \\
&= \frac{P(A)P(C) + P(B)P(C) - P(A)P(B)P(C)}{P(C)} \\
&= P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B) \\
&= P(A \cup B) \\
P(A \cup C) &= P(A|C) + P(B|C) - P(A \cap B|C) \\
&= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\
&= P(A \cup B)
\end{aligned}$$

Pairwise independence

A, B, C are pairwise independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$P(C \cap A) = P(C)P(A)$$

Example

4 sided die equally likely outcomes $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$A = \{1, 4\}, B = \{2, 4\}, C = \{3, 4\}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 1/4, P(A) = 1/2, P(B) = 1/2$$

A, B, C are pairwise independent

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = 1/4$$

$$P(A)P(B)P(C) = 1/8$$

$P(A \cap B \cap C) \neq P(A)P(B)P(C)$ meaning A, B, C are not independent

$$P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{1/4}{1/2} = 1/2$$

Lemma 2

A, B, C are independent then

(a) A^c, B, C are independent

Proof:

$$P(A^c \cap B) = P(A^c)P(B)$$

$$P(A^c \cap C) = P(A^c)P(C)$$

$$P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$P(A^c \cap B \cap C) = P(B \cap C) - P(B \cap C \cap A)$$

$$= P(B)P(C) - P(B)P(C)P(A)$$

$$= (1 - P(A))P(B)P(C)$$

$$= P(A^c)P(B)P(C)$$

(b) A^c, B^c, C are independent

$$E = A^c$$

From Part (a) E, B, C are independent

$$\implies E, B^c, C \text{ are independent}$$

$$\implies A^c, B^c, C \text{ are independent}$$

(c) A^c, B^c, C^c are independent

$$E = A^c, F = B^c$$

From Part (b)

$$\implies E, F, C \text{ are independent}$$

using Part (a)

$$\implies E, F, C^c \text{ are independent}$$

$$\implies A^c, B^c, C^c \text{ are independent re}$$

Example

3 bits are transmitted over a noisy channel

For each bit, the probability of correct reception is λ

$$P(C_i) = \lambda, P(E_i) = 1 - \lambda$$

The error events for the 3 bits are mutually independent

$$E_i = \{\text{bit } i \text{ incorrectly received}\}$$

$$E_1, E_2, E_3 \text{ are independent}$$

$$C_i = \{\text{bit } i \text{ correctly received}\}$$

$$C_1, C_2, C_3 \text{ are independent}$$

$$C_1, C_2, E_3 \text{ are independent}$$

Example

Find the probability that the number of correctly received bits is 2

$$S = \{\text{Number of correct bits is 2}\}$$

$$(C_1 \cap C_2 \cap E_3) \cup (C_1 \cap E_2 \cap C_3) \cup (E_1 \cap C_2 \cap C_3)$$

$$\text{say } F_1 = C_1 \cap C_2 \cap E_3, F_2 = C_1 \cap E_2 \cap C_3, F_3 = E_1 \cap C_2 \cap C_3$$

$$S = F_1 \cup F_2 \cup F_3$$

$$P(S) = P(F_1) + P(F_2) + P(F_3)$$

because F_1, F_2, F_3 are pairwise disjoint

$$P(C_1 \cap C_2 \cap E_3) = \lambda\lambda(1 - \lambda)$$

$$P(S) = 3\lambda^2(1 - \lambda)$$

Probability that all bits are correctly received:

$$= P(C_1 \cap C_2 \cap C_3) = \lambda^3$$

Probability that at least 2 bits are correctly received:

$$= \lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2(1 - \lambda)$$

Finite Ω and equally likely outcomes

$$P(\{\omega\}) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}, \text{ } |\Omega| \text{ is the cardinality of } \Omega$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} P(\{\omega\}) = \sum_{\omega \in A} \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

Example

Antenna array consists of n antennas

Arrange n antennas in a straight line

m out of the n antennas are defective

All arrangement of n antennas are equally likely

The array will not work if 2 defective antennas are next to each other

Probability of the array that does not work?

$$n = 4, m = 2$$

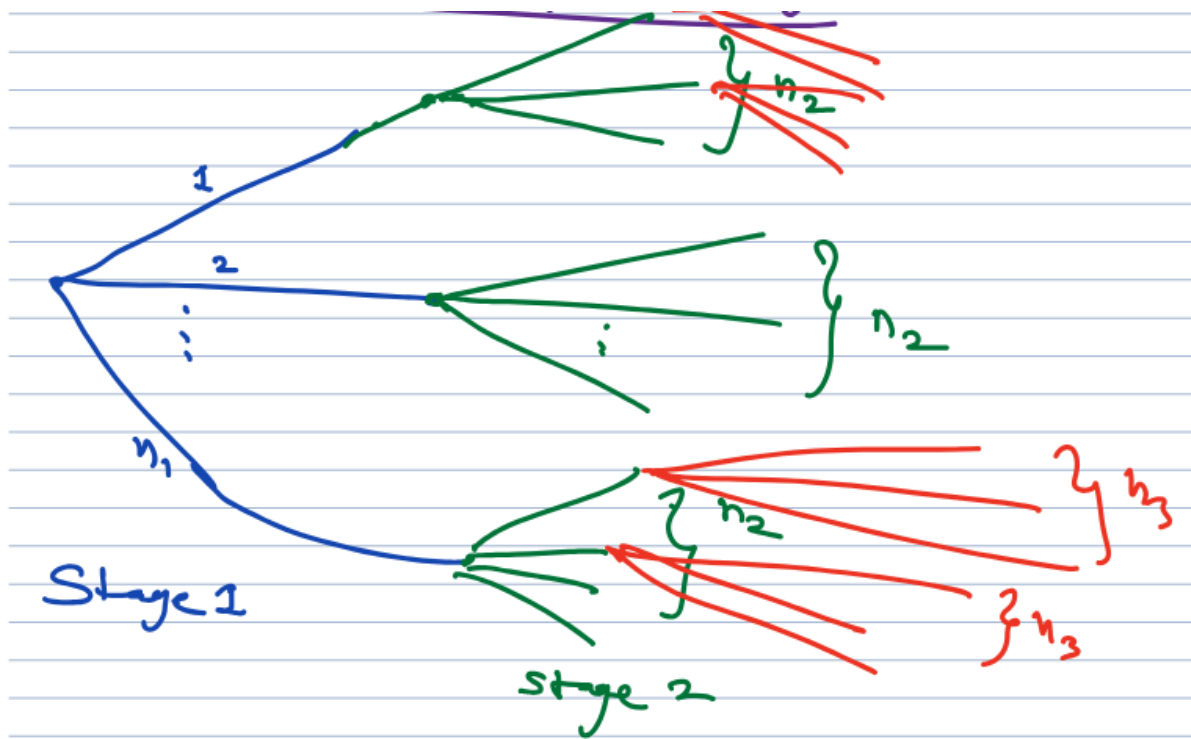
$$A = \{DDNN, NNDD, NDDN, NDND, DNDN, DNND\}$$

$$P(\text{Array not work}) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$n = 12, m = 4$$

Systematic / Efficient way of counting number of elements in a set without listing all elements \rightarrow
Combinatorics

Basis principle of counting



$n_1 n_2$ ways of doing this procedure

Example

4 digit passcode

$$10^4$$

Example

7 character license plate where first 3 characters are letter other 4 are digits

$$26 \cdot 26 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10$$

Repetition of letter or digits is not allowed

$$26 \cdot 25 \cdot 24 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7$$

Week 3 Session 1

Independent events

Definition: Two events A and B are independent if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

Independence $\implies P(A|B) = P(A|B^c) = P(A)$

Independence of 3 events

Def: A, B, C are independent (mutually independent) if

1. $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$
2. $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

$$3. P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$4. P(C \cap A) = P(C)P(A)$$

Independence of multiple events

Definition: A_1, \dots, A_n are (mutually) independent if

$$P(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \prod_{i \in I} P(A_i)$$

for every non-empty $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Definition: A_1, A_2, \dots are (mutually) independent if

$$P(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \prod_{i \in I} P(A_i)$$

for every non-empty and finite $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots\}$

Finite Ω and equally like outcomes

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

Basic principle of Counting

Total number of ways of doing 2-stage procedure is $n_1 n_2$

Permutations

Definition: Any arrangement of elements of S in a sequence

$$S = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$$

How many permutation of S are possible?

Imagine have n slots,

$$n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = n!$$

Example

4 digit passcode using all of these digits 2,4,6,8

number of passcodes=number of permutations= $4!$

$$S = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$$

Sampling an ordered k-tuple with repetitions allowed

$$k = 2, (I_1 I_2) \neq (I_2 I_1), (I_1 I_1) \neq (I_1 I_1)$$

How many ordered pairs are possible?

$$n^2$$

Ordered k -tuple

n^k ordered k -tuple

Example

Flipping a coin k times. How many sequence of H, T are possible?

k -tuple: 2^k

Sampling ordered k -tuple without repetitions $1 \leq k \leq n$

$$S = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$$

Within k slots, then $n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - k + 1)$

Number of ordered k -tuple without repetition

$$n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - k + 1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Example

n people in a department.

Need to form a committee consisting of a chair, a vice chair and a secretary

Same person cannot serve in more than 1 role

How many such committees are possible?

$$n(n - 1)(n - 2) = \frac{n!}{(n-3)!}$$

Example: Birthday problem

k people, $1 \leq k \leq 365$

All were born in non-leap year

a) How many birthday sequences are possible?

(d_1, \dots, d_k) where every slot has 365 possibilities

$$365^k$$

b) How many birthday sequences are possible without repetition?

$$\frac{365!}{(365-k)!} = 365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - k + 1)$$

c) Assume that all birthday sequence are equally likely?

Probability that the group of k -people have distinct birthdays

$$\frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{\frac{365!}{(365-k)!}}{365^k}$$

d) Probability that at least 2 people in this k -people group have the same birthday?

$$P(B) = 1 - P(\text{everyone has a different birthday})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\frac{365!}{(365-k)!}}{365^k}$$

Selecting a subset with k elements, $1 \leq k \leq n$

- Order is not important
- No repetitions
- A subset of k elements is called a "combination" with k -elements

Say $S = \{I_1, I_2, I_3\}$ has a subset of size 2

$\{I_1, I_2\}, \{I_1, I_3\}, \{I_3, I_2\}$ all 3 possibilities

With n elements in S

number of k element subsets nC_k

$nC_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \binom{n}{k}$ where $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$ is the binomial coefficient

number of subset of 0 elements=1

$k = 0$

$$\binom{n}{0} = \frac{n!}{n!0!} = 1$$

for $k \geq n + 1$

$$nC_k = 0$$

Why is the number of subsets of S with k -elements $= \binom{n}{k}$

Task: Select an order k -tuple from S without repetitions

$$n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Indirect method for task

Stage1:

Pick a subset of k elements (without considering order)

$$nC_k$$

Stage2:

Pick a permutation for the k -element subset chosen in stage1

$$k!$$

$$nC_k k! = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

$$nC_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$$

Example

a) 20 people in an organization need a committee of 3 people

$$\text{number of possible committees} = \binom{20}{3} = \frac{20!}{3!17!}$$

b) 12 people - 5 women and 7 men

Need to form a committee with 2 women and 3 men

$$\text{number of possible committees} = \binom{5}{2} \binom{7}{3}$$

c) 7 people

Committee of 3 people

Two of 7 people - Person 1 and Person 2 refuse to serve together

$$\text{number of possible committees} = \binom{7}{3} - \binom{5}{1}$$

Method 2: $S = P_1, \dots, P_7$

$$\text{Committees with } P_1 \text{ but not } P_2 = \binom{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Committees with } P_2 \text{ but not } P_1 = \binom{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Committees with neither } P_1 \text{ or } P_2 = \binom{5}{3}$$

$$\binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{3} = 30$$

Example

50 items: 10 of items are defective, 40 are functional

Randomly pick 10 items

Probability that exactly 5 of selected items are defective

$$\frac{\binom{10}{5} \binom{40}{5}}{\binom{50}{10}}$$

Example

32 bit binary number. How many such numbers have exactly 5 zeros

$$\binom{32}{5}$$
